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NPIC/PEG (1/82)Copy 15**SA-3 TESTING**  
**BAPATLA SAM TEST RANGE, INDIA**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: SA-3 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) TESTING IS RESUMING AT THIS INSTALLATION.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: THIS IS THE THIRD TEST AND EVALUATION CYCLE OF SA-3 EQUIPMENT AT THIS RANGE SINCE THE EQUIPMENT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO BAPATLA [REDACTED] SA-3 EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED IN EARLY 1981 AND RETURNED TO THE TEST RANGE ON [REDACTED] WHEN TWO SA-3 FOUR-RAIL LAUNCHERS HAD BEEN ERECTED ON THE TEST STANDS NEAR THE CENTRAL CONTROL FACILITY. THREE SA-3 FOUR-RAIL LAUNCHERS ARE NOW PRESENT, ALL LAUNCH PADS ARE OCCUPIED, AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE CABLE CONNECTED AND OPERATIONAL. TWO SA-3 TRANSPORTERS ARE ADJACENT TO THE LAUNCHERS INDICATING PREPARATIONS FOR A TEST LAUNCH MAY BE IN PROGRESS. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT PRESENT INCLUDES A LOW BLOW SA-3 ACQUISITION GUIDANCE RADAR, A FLAT FACE EARLY WARNING RADAR (NOT ON GRAPHIC), A SPOON REST EARLY WARNING RADAR (NOT ON GRAPHIC), AND AN SA-3 ASSOCIATED COMPUTER VAN.

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THIS FACILITY WAS OBSERVED TESTING AND EVALUATING THE SA-2/75 (INDIAN MODIFICATION TO THE SA-2) THROUGHOUT MUCH OF 1981.

BAPATLA SAM TEST RANGE, ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF INDIA, IS 3.7 NM NORTH OF BAPATLA AND APPROXIMATELY 140 NM SOUTHEAST OF HYDERABAD.

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 15-50-30N 080-29-00E

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